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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 183

BY REPRESENTATIVES FREIBERG, ADAMS, AMEDEE, BACALA, BAGLEY, BAMBURG, BAYHAM, BEAULLIEU, BERAULT, BILLINGS, BOURRIAQUE, BOYD, BOYER, BRASS, BRAUD, BROWN, BRYANT, BUTLER, CARLSON, CARPENTER, CARRIER, ROBBY CARTER, WILFORD CARTER, CARVER, CHASSION, CHENEVERT, COATES, COX, CREWS, DAVIS, DESHOTEL, DEVILLIER, DEWITT, DICKERSON, DOMANGUE, ECHOLS, EDMONSTON, EGAN, EMERSON, FARNUM, FIRMENT, FISHER, FONTENOT, FREEMAN, GADBERRY, GALLE, GEYMAN, GLORIOSO, GREEN, HEBERT, HENRY, HILFERTY, HORTON, HUGHES, ILLG, JACKSON, MIKE JOHNSON, TRAVIS JOHNSON, JORDAN, KERNER, KNOX, LACOMBE, LAFLEUR, JACOB LANDRY, MANDIE LANDRY, LARVADAIN, LYONS, MACK, MARCELLE, MCCORMICK, MCFARLAND, MCMAHEN, MCMAKIN, MELERINE, MENA, MILLER, MOORE, MUSCARELLO, MYERS, NEWELL, ORGERON, OWEN, PHELPS, RISER, ROMERO, SCHAMERHORN, SCHLEGEL, SELDERS, ST. BLANC, STAGNI, TARVER, TAYLOR, THOMAS, THOMPSON, TURNER, VENTRELLA, VILLIO, WALTERS, WILDER, WILEY, WILLARD, WRIGHT, WYBLE, YOUNG, AND ZERINGUE

A RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of former state representative, Carl Norman Crane.

WHEREAS, it is with immense sadness and profound regret that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana has learned of the passing, on April 14, 2024, of former state representative, Carl Norman Crane; and

WHEREAS, Carl was a graduate of John McDonough High School in New Orleans, and he received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of New Orleans and a Master of Arts degree from Louisiana State University; and

WHEREAS, Carl worked as a computer consultant, as an assistant professor at Louisiana State University for twelve years, and he served on the East Baton Rouge City-Parish Council from 1977 to 1982; and

WHEREAS, Carl was elected to represent East Baton Rouge as a member of the Louisiana House of Representatives in 1982, and he served in this capacity until 2007; during his tenure, he served with great diligence as chairman of the House Committee on Education, providing highly effective leadership to the committee as it worked to address complex education issues and strived to reform the state's education system; and

WHEREAS, as a leader in the education community for many years, Carl was instrumental in the creation of Louisiana's School and District Accountability Program,

which has been nationally recognized as an exemplary education reform initiative, and he championed other causes including the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS), efforts to improve teacher quality, and raising teacher pay to the Southern Regional Education Board average; and

WHEREAS, Carl was named Legislator of the Year by the Louisiana Association of Principals in 2006; his professional, civic, and business affiliations included the Governor's Classroom Technology Commission, the Louisiana Learn Commission, the Louisiana District and School Accountability Commission, the Governor's Blue Ribbon Commission on Teacher Quality, the Governor's School Finance Commission, the Louisiana High School Redesign Commission, and the Louisiana Recovery Authority Education Task Force; and

WHEREAS, Carl was recognized by the Louisiana Association of Computer Using Educators for his contribution to classroom technology; he received the Golden Apple Award from the Delta Kappa Gamma Teacher Organization and the Economic Development Award for the promotion of economic development through his contributions in the field of education; and

WHEREAS, Carl was an avid fan of SEC football and baseball, and he enjoyed yard work, walking and jogging, reading, talking politics, and spending time with his family; and

WHEREAS, Carl Norman Crane leaves to cherish his memory his two children, Leslie Crane and Shawn Crane (Sandee); and three grandchildren, Jackson, Dylan, and Shelby Crane; he will be deeply missed, but his legacy of service to the state of Louisiana will live on in perpetuity.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express heartfelt condolences on the death of former state representative, Carl Norman Crane; does hereby express heartfelt gratitude for Carl's incredible service to the state of Louisiana as a distinguished member of the House of Representatives; and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that his family, friends, and loved ones find comfort in their shared memories of his beautiful life.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES